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Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal | Lajes in the Fight!

UCI Countdown



183

Days remaining
until Lajes Field's
Unit Compliance
Inspection



Daylight Saving Time in
the United States begins
2 a.m. Sunday.

The European Union
doesn't 'Spring Forward'
or change their clocks
for Daylight Saving Time
until Mar. 30. This means
the time difference
between here and the
States will be shorter for
the next few weeks.
This may affect some
AFN Programming.

Force Protection



Current FPCON: Alpha
Watch. Report. Protect.



Americans, Portuguese exercise side by side

Portuguese and U.S. Air Forces worked together last week during a joint exercise. The exercise was a combination of gearing up for the Unit Compliance Inspection and the Portuguese Air Force annual security exercise.

Left: American Security Forces personnel raise the U.S. Flag, while their Portuguese counterparts raise the Portuguese Flag Feb. 29. The security forces personnel salute the flags in their protective gear, a security measure they take when the base is in Exercise Force Protection Condition Charlie.

Bottom: Lajes Firefighters and Portuguese Air Force medics move a patient to the ambulance during the Major Accident Response Exercise portion of the joint exercise Feb. 29. Other parts of the exercise for U.S. personnel included Noncombatant Evacuation Operation and Personnel Deployment Function lines. In the NEO line, dependents processed through respective base agencies as if they had to evacuate the island. The PDF line simulated the process of personnel deploying. Exercises for each nation help the units prepare for real-world situations. (Photos by Senior Airman Taylor Marr)





From the top *CC shares formula for UCI success*

By Col. JL Briggs

65th Air Base Wing commander

Hello Lajes and welcome to spring. When I was in school, the period from Thanksgiving to Spring Break was called the "Dark Ages." During that time, it was always dark, the weather was cold and wet, and we were focused on tests and work. While it is a stretch to call any time at Lajes the "Dark Ages," I'm glad to see more of the sun and the strong indication that spring is on the way.

During the winter we focused on our physical and financial fitness. I hope some of you took that to heart and are now seeing the benefits of having goals and a plan to achieve those goals. My fitness goal was to max my PT test. I got great support from the HAWC, worked hard, and got lucky enough to test on a beautiful day. Mission accomplished. Now I have a new goal and this goal is much bigger. My goal is a successful Unit Compliance Inspection.

Our wing Unit Compliance Inspection will begin at 8 a.m. on Sept. 8, 2008 ... 9/8/08. Write that down on your white board at work, your fridge at home and in your organizer. The 65th Air Base Wing is going to kick it into gear and success is our goal. What is success?

U stands for United. We will unite behind this task. We will work together. We

will hold each other accountable to the standards.

C stands for Committed. We will commit to doing our very best every day to get ready for the inspection. We will hit singles daily. As you go about your daily tasks, in the back of your mind you must be asking yourself, "What have I done today to better prepare the Wing for the UCI?" If you are going to be here for it, you will get to see the fruits of your labor. If you are not going to be here when the inspection occurs, your work now will ensure our success then and your legacy will live on.

I stands for Integrated. The idea of integrity is to be whole, balanced and true to yourself. I expect each of you to integrate your lives in a way that provides you the stamina to run the long race to the UCI and then kick it up into another gear for the inspection itself. That means planning your work and play to be ready when duty calls.

Here's a secret to inspections: Success is getting more out of the process of preparing for the inspection than executing the inspection itself. If the inspection makes us more United, Committed, and Integrated as Airmen, civilians, families, and local nationals, we will succeed and the inspectors will know it. I am convinced we have the talent to succeed. What I want to see now is do we have to the heart to pull it off?

535-4240

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The Commander's Line is your link to me for suggestions, kudos and as a way to work

problems or issues within the 65th Air Base Wing for which you can't find another solution. Your chain of command

should always be your first option for praise or problems — but when that's not the answer, call or e-mail the Commander's Line at 535-4240 or actionline@lajes.af.mil.



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Shop 101

Master Sgt. David Guthrie, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron, explains the ins and outs of vehicle maintenance Saturday to Allison Kimsey, Hope McLean, Serena Leon, Aili Carney and other members of the Lajes Junior Girl Scout Troop at the Vehicle Maintenance Shop. Four LRS volunteers took time to teach the girls about vehicle maintenance and the equipment involved to help the girls earn the Junior Car Care Badge. Lajes Girl Scouts of all ages will celebrate Girl Scout Week Mar. 9-15 and participate in various activities around base. (Courtesy photo)



Back to Basic Career Advisor reflects on a day at Lackland

By Tech. Sgt. Casey Merrington
65th Mission Support Squadron

Last week my fellow Career Assistance Advisors and I had the opportunity to spend the day with the 331st Training Squadron at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. I am going to take you all back, for some of you ... WAY BACK! The superintendent gave us a tour of one of the dormitories. Yes, things are still as you remember them and you still have to "use the handrails!" We were also given the opportunity to have lunch with the trainees. I was seated with two young men that were completing their fifth week of basic training. One was going to attend technical training as a PJ and the other would attend Aircraft Maintenance technical school. Both had already passed that unsure/timid stage and were already portraying the confidence of trained Air Force members.

The highlight of the day for me was the Basic Military Training graduation ceremony at the parade grounds. These occur every week at Lackland and mean different things depending on the capacity in which you are there.

For a trainee completing their sixth week of basic training, it means happily

closing out a life changing experience and feeling anxious to begin the next chapter. They don't realize everything that is going on around them because they are focused on the task at hand; getting the drill just right for their Military Training Instructor, fellow flight members and family. There isn't anyone who can deny the pride you feel marching across the parade grounds with your flight. For most, if only on that day, they feel no regret for the choice they have made to serve in the U.S. Air Force.

For those that are there cheering on a child, spouse, or friend, they feel proud of the accomplishment he or she has made. They may not understand some of the traditions taking place, but it's neat to watch. They are carefully looking through the flight that they know their loved one is in hoping to make eye contact or give a quick wave so the loved one knows that they are there watching and support them 100 percent. These are among the most important there.

Then there are Air Force members, past and present that have been where the trainees are and have come to watch the event. This is the group I fell into last week and we see and hear everything. We see each flight being led proudly by their

The Career Assistance Advisor advises leadership on retention and helps determine local factors that may negatively influence career decisions. The CAA provides Lajes personnel information and guidance on career decisions as well as professional enhancement to the enlisted population. Tech. Sgt. Casey Merrington can be reached at 535-6197.

instructors, the perfectly executed customs and courtesies, the sharpness of uniforms worn, the precision of each movement made, the reporting, the General Officer reviewing each flight, the oath of enlistment, the C-130 flying salute, the expressions on faces as they pass and the confidence they portray. You have never seen any of the trainees on the field before but still feel a strong connection to them. Very few words, if any, are exchanged among this crowd during the ceremony. It's the time when you forget that you were sweating and completely uncomfortable in the metal chair a few minutes ago. You only feel inspired and proud to be a part of our great Air Force.

New campaign slogan: Air Force is 'Above All'

By Staff Sgt.
J.G. Buzanowski
Secretary of the Air Force
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The Air Force has a new advertising campaign to recruit the next generation of Airmen as well as better inform people about the Air Force mission:

"Above All."

"The new slogan is admittedly a bold one," said Col. Michael Caldwell, deputy director of Air Force public affairs, "but so are Airmen." This campaign accurately portrays Airmen and how they're executing the Air Force mission to ensure the security and safety of America now and in the future.

"'Above All' is about what we do and how we do it," Colonel Caldwell said. "The job of

the Air Force is to defend America and we do that by dominating air, space and cyberspace. The new campaign and slogan captures our roots, but also illustrates where we're going as a service as the Air Force prepares to contend with future threats."

The purpose of the campaign is to create a dialogue with potential recruits, their parents and those most likely to influence young people to join the military about the critical role the Air Force plays in defending America's future, said Colonel Caldwell.

The "Above All" campaign kicks off this month and will be prominent on television, in print and, of course, in cyberspace. In addition to being shown at several sporting events, "Above All" ads will be seen in magazines and during commercial breaks on

many top-rated commercial and television news and entertainment programs, Colonel Caldwell said.

The campaign will feature real Airmen performing their missions, like Staff Sgt. Lee Jones from Barksdale Air Force Base, La. He's featured prominently in the campaign as a warrior on the front lines of the Air Force's newest warfighting domain, cyberspace.

"I'm excited to be a part of this and to represent the Air Force this way," said Sergeant Jones, a computer systems operator and cyberwarrior. "'Above All' is a great slogan because it says how we shine in what we do to defend our nation and accomplish our mission."

The Above All slogan was chosen over several other phrases as the best description

of the Air Force mission, Colonel Caldwell said.

"From all the research we did about how people feel about the Air Force - including civilians, Airmen and representatives from other services - this was the phrase that stood out the most," said Colonel Caldwell. "This campaign captures the professionalism of our Airmen, our technological edge and our ability to meet today's threats while at the same time prepare for future challenges.

"When anyone in our Air Force family sees an 'Above All' ad, we hope it reminds them that their role is important to America," Colonel Caldwell said. "This campaign makes it clear the Air Force's mission 'Above All' is national defense and protecting the American people."



Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
11 a.m. Oceanview special Yummy Burger - pineapple, honey mustard and caramel. \$4.50 4 p.m. Wing Recognition Ceremony, TORC 7 p.m. Teen Night Out, LYP 7 p.m. First Sunday (PG-13) 10 p.m. Sweeny Todd: The Demon Barber (R)	10 a.m. Outdoor Rec now open 10 a.m. Post Office Finance and Pick up Window until 2 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Members Only Texas Hold 'Em, TORC 7 p.m. Teen Night Out, LYP 7 p.m. First Sunday (PG-13) 10 p.m. Sweeny Todd: The Demon Barber	8 a.m. Bottom Fishing 9 a.m. Evangelical Service 9 a.m. CCD 10:30 a.m. Mass 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Noon , Praise Service Noon to 4 p.m. Pick up mail 2 p.m. First Sunday (PG-13) 7 p.m. Sweeny Todd: The Demon Barber	6:05 a.m. Step Aerobics 6:30 a.m. Oceanview closed for maintenance. Scheduled to reopen Tuesday 7:30 a.m. Spin Class 10 a.m. Library closed for renovations until Mar. 15. 10 a.m. Thrift Store open	6:30 a.m. Oceanview open 10 a.m. EDIS Playgroup, LYP 11 a.m. Pizza special w/ 4 drinks, \$11.75, Oceanview 1 to 4:30 p.m. Seamstress available, CAC 5:30 p.m. Mongolian BBQ, TORC 6 p.m. AWANA, chapel	1:30 p.m. Health Care Advisory Council, T-416 3 p.m. Student Advisory Committee, School 5 p.m. Family Night Bowling 6 p.m. \$.35 wings at the TORC 6:30 p.m. BINGO sales begin, game starts at 7 p.m., TORC	9:30 a.m. Mothers of Preschoolers meeting, chapel 10 a.m. Home Buying Seminar, A&FRC 7 p.m. Sweeny Todd: The Demon Barber (R) 8 p.m. Ladies Night, Female member drink specials, TORC 9 p.m. Karaoke, and chili dog special, TORC

Community Events

Basketball Game: The local basketball team from Angra, Lusitania, will play Ovarense in the Angra Sports Pavilion, 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

VA Representative

An information briefing on VA benefits will be held 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Airman & Family Readiness Center. Individual assistance will be available by appointment Monday and Tuesday. Call the A&FRC at 535-4138 for information and appointments.

Lajes Idol

Lajes Idol Auditions: Progressive style contest using the TORC Karaoke Nights with DJ "Scooby."

Contest rules: Sign ups will be taken up to 15 minutes prior to the qualifying show. Mar. 13 - Qualifier: 8 p.m., top four contestants advance to final; Mar. 20 - Qualifier: 8 p.m., top four contestants advance to final; Mar. 27 - Lajes Idols: 7:30 pm, final eight contestants.

Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. For more information on rules of engagement, call Marco Rocha at 535-5216

Community Activity Center

Big Bunny Egg Hunt: 11 a.m. Mar. 15 in the Community Activity Center. Age groups are: 0-2, 3-6 and 7-12 years old. 535-3188.

Fleamarket for March: Cancelled.

Blarney Stone Contest: Guess the weight of the Blarney Stone for a chance to win two free lunch buffets at the TORC. Winners announced Mar. 17. Stop by the CAC to enter.

Youth Programs 535-3273

Dance Instructor Needed: The Lajes Youth Center is looking for a dance instructor to teach various age groups. Variety of dance styles and experience preferred. Call the Youth Center director at 535-1197 for details.

New Teen Classes: The LYP now offers two new teen programs: Money Matters - 5 to 6 p.m. every Friday and Career Launch - 5 to 6 p.m. every Wednesday. For more information, call 535-3273.

A&FRC 535-4138

Transition Assistance Program: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mar. 12 - 14 at the A&FRC. TAP is open to military members, dependants, and civilians who are interested in retiring or separating.

Beginner Publisher: 10:30 a.m. to noon, Mar. 20.

Intermediate Publisher: 10:30 a.m. to noon, Mar. 21.

Beginner Publisher: 2 to 3:30 p.m., Mar. 27.

Sponsor Training: 10 to 11 a.m., Mar. 28.

Intermediate Publisher: 2 to 3:30 p.m., Mar. 28.

Fitness Center 535-5151

8-on-8 Dodgeball Tournament: 11:30 a.m. Mar. 22. Minimum of 8 players to start and maximum of 10 players playing per team. Double elimination and best 2 out of 3 wins. Call the Chace Fitness Center at 535-6126 to sign up.

Basketball Court Closure: The gymnasium/basketball court will be closed for roof replacement Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until further notice.

DoDDs Schools

Space Camp Scholarship: Students enrolled in grades 6-9 are encouraged to apply for the Space Camp scholarship to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala. Students must submit an essay and two letters of recommendation. The scholarship covers the full tuition to include: round trip transportation, meals, lodging, and program materials. The Space Camp is an eight-day program that shows first hand what it takes to be an astronaut. Activities include simulated Space Shuttle missions, training simulators, rocket building and launches, scientific experiments, and lectures of the past, present, and future of space exploration. The deadline to apply is Mar. 10. For more information visit the link: <http://www.militarychild.org/SpaceCamp.asp>

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Vacation Housing: Retired USAF spouse/mother, 52, and two daughters, 27 and 17, seeking housing arrangements for 5 to 10 days early August 2008. Praia or Lajes, maybe during Praia-Fest? I want to show my older daughter where she was born. Perhaps we could houseit/petsit while you vacation back in the states. Will try to stay at TLF but want backup plans, naturally, if they are full when we arrive. This is a once in a lifetime trip for my daughters. Please e-mail: mstar2@msn.com.

For Sale: 1994 Honda Shadow Spirit 1100, 25K miles, very good condition, New tires, New battery, 35 - 40 mpg, two tone paint \$3,500 obo. Call 295-549-204

For Sale: 1991 Honda Civic for Sale. Runs Great! Four new racing tires Nov. 2007, new brakes Feb. 2008. Inspection good until June 2009 asking \$3,000. Call 969-569-499 or 535-3192. Available early March. Picture at post office and A&FRC.

Wanted: Donations needed clothes, shoes, toys, books, household items, etc. All donations are used for the Lajes High School sports teams to raise money for travel. Will pick up donations, e-mail lajes15@yahoo.com or call 295-549-206. Thank you for your support.